

OSCAR F. BARTLETT.

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Mr. McCUMBER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3245.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3245) granting an increase of pension to Oscar F. Bartlett, have examined the same and report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of Oscar F. Bartlett, of Louisville, Nebr., late surgeon Third Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

The military records show that Oscar F. Bartlett was enrolled October 15, 1861, and mustered in October 25, 1861, as assistant surgeon Sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and was honorably discharged October 24, 1862, on tender of resignation, to enable him to accept promotion. He was appointed surgeon Third Wisconsin Infantry October 3, 1862, and mustered in October 24, 1862, and was honorably discharged on tender of resignation January 1, 1865.

Doctor Bartlett is now receiving the maximum pension of \$12 per month provided by the act of June 27, 1890, for total disability, due to rheumatism and resulting disease of heart and senility. He has made no claim under the general law.

He is 80 years of age, and when last medically examined, July 26, 1902, was found to be so disabled by reason of rheumatism, heart disease, and general and senile debility as to be wholly incapacitated for labor of any kind.

Evidence filed with this committee shows that Doctor Bartlett is in straitened circumstances, with but very little means of support apart from his pension.

The advanced age of the soldier, his faithful service, and total disability and great need warrant favorable action on the bill, the passage of which is recommended when amended as follows:

In line 7 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

